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SUBJECT: UAE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR PLANS VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Classified by Ambassador Richard Olson, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S) Federal Director of State Security and UAE National Security Advisor Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed al-Nahyan plans to visit Washington from June 29 through July 1. His office has requested assistance with appointments, which Post strongly endorses as key opportunities to deepen positive engagement with the UAEG on sensitive regional issues. Sheikh Hazza is an insider in ruling/royal circles in Abu Dhabi with a prominent role in coordinating policy. Meetings of particular interest include:

--- National Security Advisor General James Jones;  
--- Deputy National Security Advisor for Homeland Security John Brennan;  
--- Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano;  
--- Special Envoy for the Middle East George Mitchell (Hazza participated in February 28 meetings in Abu Dhabi);  
--- Special Advisor for the Gulf and Southwest Asia Dennis Ross (Hazza joined April 30 meetings in Abu Dhabi);  
--- Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke;  
--- Acting A/S of State for NEA Jeff Feltman.

¶2. (S/NF) GRPO is taking the lead in scheduling for this visit. Post looks forward to assisting with coordination of a successful set of meetings.

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